

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A self-scanning checkout providing point of purchase products comprising:

- a scanner to scan items selected by a consumer;
- a video monitor to display the cost of items scanned by the consumer;
- a packaging area for placing items scanned by the consumer into a container; and
- a dispenser for storing and dispensing a point of purchase product, the dispenser located at least in juxtaposition to the scanner and thereby storing point of purchase product in juxtaposition to the scanner, and wherein the video monitor displays the cost of the product dispensed by the dispenser.

Claim 2 (original): The self-scanning checkout of Claim 1, wherein the dispenser dispenses the product into the container.

Claim 3 (original): The self-scanning checkout of Claim 1, wherein the dispenser dispenses the product adjacent to the scanner.

Claim 4 (original): The self-scanning checkout of Claim 1, wherein the dispenser dispenses the product adjacent to a device selected from the group consisting of: the video monitor, a change maker that makes change from payments for items and products purchased and a receipt printer that provides a receipt for items and products purchased.

Claim 5 (currently amended): An automated checkout device comprising:

- a surface for allowing a customer to place a plurality of items to be purchased;
- a scanner for allowing the customer to accumulate a cost for the items;
- a second surface to support the items after they are scanned;
- a point of purchase device that stores and dispenses a point of purchase product onto the second surface upon request of the consumer, the point of purchase product being stored in proximity to the second surface; and

the cost of the point of purchase product is added to the cost of the plurality of items automatically.

Claim 6 (original): The automated checkout device of Claim 5, wherein the second surface supports a container for receiving the items.

Claim 7 (original): The automated checkout device of Claim 6, wherein the container is a bag.

Claim 8 (original): The automated checkout device of Claim 7, wherein the point of purchase product is dispensed into the bag.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A device allowing a consumer to purchase product without the need for a cashier comprising:

a body having an interior;

a controller coupled to the body;

a scanning device that communicates with and is coupled to the controller, the scanning device allowing a consumer to scan purchasable items that the consumer brings to the device and accumulate a cost for the items;

a product maintained within the interior of the body; and

the body including a dispenser that dispenses the product from the body upon a request for product by the consumer, wherein a cost for the product is added to the cost for the items and wherein the product is stored at a location that is proximate to a point of purchase.

Claim 10 (original): The device of Claim 9, wherein the controller is integral with the body.

Claim 11 (original): The device of Claim 9, wherein the controller is coupled to the body by a mode selected from the group consisting of: electrical coupling, optical coupling and coupling via a radio frequency signal.

Claim 12 (original): The device of Claim 9, wherein the scanning device is coupled to the controller by a mode selected from the group consisting of: electrical coupling, optical coupling and coupling via a radio frequency signal.

Claim 13 (original): The device of Claim 9, wherein the dispenser dispenses the product in a direction selected from the group consisting of: vertically upward, vertically downward and laterally.

Claim 14 (original): The device of Claim 9, wherein the scanning device is integral with the controller.

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (original): The purchasing device of Claim 9, wherein the body includes a plurality of different products.

Claim 17 (original): The purchasing device of Claim 16, wherein the plurality of different products are selected from the group consisting of: confectionery products, periodicals, cigarette lighters, batteries, key chains, film, writing instruments, toiletries and toys.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A point of purchase device that operates with an automated purchasing device having a controller that allows a consumer to input purchasable items and accumulate a cost for the items, the point of purchase device comprising:

a body housing a product and including a member for physically coupling the point of purchase device to the automated purchasing device; and

a dispenser that stores product adjacent to the automated purchasing device and dispenses the product from the body upon request by the consumer, wherein a cost for the product is added to the cost for the items.

Claim 19 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 18, wherein the body houses a plurality of different products.

Claim 20 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 19, wherein the plurality of different products are selected from the group consisting of: confectionery products, periodicals, cigarette lighters, batteries, key chains, writing instruments, film, toiletries and toys.

Claim 21 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 18, wherein the body is modular and physically independent from the automated purchasing device.

Claim 22 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 18, wherein the member couples the body to the automated purchasing device by a mode selected from the group consisting of: electrical coupling, optical coupling and coupling via a radio frequency signal.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A point of purchase device that operates with an automated purchasing device that allows a consumer to purchase items without the need for a cashier, accumulating a cost for the items and allowing the consumer to pay for a product, the point of purchase device comprising:

a body housing the product, the body and thereby the product located at a point of purchase with the automated purchasing device;

a controller coupled to the body; and

a dispenser that dispenses the product from the body upon a signal from the controller, the signal initiated by the consumer, wherein a cost for the product is added to the cost for the items.

Claim 24 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 23, wherein the body is modular and physically independent from the automated purchasing device.

Claim 25 (cancelled)

Claim 26 (original): A point of purchase device that is coupled to a device that allows a retail operator to input purchasable items and accumulate a cost for the purchasable items comprising:

a dispenser that dispenses a product from a stock upon a signal from a controller that is coupled to the retail operator controlled device, the stock stored at least adjacent to the retail operator controlled device, the signal initiated by the retail operator, wherein a cost for the product is automatically added to the cost of the purchasable items by the controller.

Claim 27 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 26, wherein the device is chosen from the group consisting of: a scanner, a cash register, a point of purchase kiosk and a touch screen.

Claim 28 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 26, wherein the controller is coupled to the device by a mode selected from the group consisting of: electrical coupling, optical coupling and coupling via a radio frequency signal.

Claim 29 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 26, wherein the controller is integral with the device.

Claim 30 (currently amended): A point of purchase device that operates with an automated purchasing device that allows a retail operator to input purchasable items and accumulate a cost for the purchasable items, the point of purchase device comprising:

a body housing a stock of product the body positioned together with the automated purchasing device so that the product is stored in the proximity of the automated purchasing device;

a controller maintained within the body; and

a dispenser within the body that dispenses a product from the stock upon a signal from the controller, the signal initiated by the retail operator, wherein a cost for the product is automatically added to the cost for the purchasable items by the controller.

Claim 31 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 30, wherein the automated purchasing device is selected from the group consisting of: a scanner and a cash register.

Claim 32 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 30, including a display that communicates with the controller and prompts a consumer to purchase the product.

Claim 33 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 30, wherein the body is modular and physically independent from the automated purchasing device.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A point of purchase device that operates with a credit/debit card verification device that authorizes a cost for items purchased by a consumer, the point of purchase device comprising:

a controller that communicates with the credit/debit card verification device; and

the controller is coupled to a dispenser that stores and dispenses a product upon a signal to the controller, the dispenser positioned at least adjacent to the credit/debit card verification device so that product is stored proximate the credit/debit card verification, the signal initiated by the consumer through the credit/debit card verification device, wherein a cost for the product is added to the cost for the items purchased by the consumer.

Claim 35 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 34, wherein the credit/debit card verification device is located at a retail checkout line.

Claim 36 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 34, wherein the stock includes a plurality of different products and the controller communicates a selected product to the dispenser.

Claim 37 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 34, wherein the controller is electrically coupled to the dispenser.

Claim 38 (currently amended): A point of purchase device comprising:

a body housing a stock of product that is physically coupled to a discrete automated purchasing device that allows consumers to automatically purchase items that are physically brought to the automated purchasing device as well as purchase items that are stored in a portion of the body that is physically coupled to the discrete automated purchasing device;

a money acceptor coupled to the body; and

a dispenser within the body that dispenses a product from the stock upon a consumer's input of a predefined amount of money into the money acceptor.

Claim 39 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 38, wherein the automated purchasing device is selected from the group consisting of: a scanner, a cash register and a self-scanning checkout.

Claim 40 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 38, wherein the automated purchasing device is located at a retail outlet selected from the group consisting of: a retail checkout, a restaurant cash register and an electronic ticketing station.

Claim 41 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 38, wherein the money acceptor is selected from the group consisting of: a cash acceptor, a coin acceptor and a credit/debit card acceptor.

Claim 42 (currently amended): A device for dispensing consumable and non-consumable products at the same location comprising:

a body;

a stock of a consumable product housed within the body;

a stock of a non-consumable products housed within the body;

a dispenser that dispenses the consumable product;

a device that totals purchase prices for consumable and non-consumable products; ~~and~~

a payment acceptor that allows the consumer to make a single payment for the consumable and non-consumable products; and

wherein at least one of the consumable product or nonconsumable product are stored in juxtaposition to the payment acceptor.

Claim 43 (original): The device of Claim 42, wherein the non-consumable product is selected from the group consisting of: movie tickets, plane tickets, periodicals, video tapes, compact disks, digital video disks and newspapers.

Claims 44-68 (cancelled)

Claim 69 (currently amended): A system for providing point of purchase products comprising:

a device for identifying costs of items and creating a purchase price for the items;

means for prompting a consumer to purchase a point of purchase product; and

a device for storing and dispensing the point of purchase product upon request from the consumer and for adding a cost of the point of purchase product to the purchase price, the storing

and dispensing device, and thereby point of purchase product, located at least proximate to the cost identifying device.

Claim 70 (original): The system of Claim 69, wherein the means for prompting is selected from the group consisting of: an advertisement, an audio prompt, a visual prompt and a tactile prompt.

Claim 71 (original): The system of Claim 69, wherein the device for identifying is a scanner.

Claim 72 (original): The system of Claim 69, wherein the means for prompting is selected from the group consisting of: a credit/debit card device; a display device separate from the device for identifying costs and the dispensing device; and a purchasing card.

Claim 73 (original): The system of Claim 69, including a device for accepting payment for a total purchase price including the cost of the point of purchase product and the purchase price for the items.

Claim 74 (cancelled)

Claim 75 (original): The system of Claim 69, wherein the purchase price for the items is a total purchase price which occurs when the device for identifying has identified all of the items.

Claim 76 (cancelled)

Claim 77 (currently amended): A device for dispensing a retail item comprising:
a retail customer terminal sited proximate a point of purchase location, the retail customer terminal having an input device adapted to permit selection of a purchasable item and a point of purchase product;

a retail item processor in electrical communication with the retail customer terminal and adapted to process a selection of the purchasable item and the point of purchase product; and

a dispensing terminal sited proximate the point of purchase location and in electrical communication with the retail customer terminal and retail item processor, the dispensing terminal adapted to handle and dispense the point of purchase product from a storage location within the terminal to a dispensing location in response to the selection of the point of purchase product the storage location being proximate the point of purchase location.

Claim 78 (original): The device of Claim 77, wherein the dispensing terminal is further adapted to handle and dispense at least one coin as change for the retail consumer.

Claim 79 (currently amended): A retail item dispensing device comprising:

a receptacle that houses and ejects a point of purchase product stored therein, the receptacle, and thereby point of purchase product, located at a point of purchase location with a customer selection input device;

a dispensing location located proximate the point of purchase location, said dispensing location comprising a surface configured for carrying the point of purchase product;

the customer selection input device adapted to input a customer selection of a purchasable item and point of purchase product and located proximate the point of purchase location for the purchasable item;

a retail item processor in electrical communication with the input device and the receptacle that ejects the point of purchase product upon the customer selection; and

a dispensing device configured to deliver the point of purchase product ejected from the receptacle to the dispensing location proximate the point of purchase location for the purchasable item.

Claim 80 (currently amended): A point of purchase device that is coupled to a device that inputs purchasable items and accumulates a cost for the purchasable items comprising:

a dispenser that stores and dispenses a product, wherein a cost for the product is automatically added to the cost of the purchasable items, the dispenser, and thereby product, located at least in juxtaposition to the item input device; and

a communication device that allows information relating to the product to be communicated to a remote location.

Claim 81 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 80, wherein the dispenser dispenses products produced by a plurality of product suppliers and the communication device allows for communication with the suppliers at a plurality of remote locations.

Claim 82 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 80, wherein the communication device communicates over a wide area network with the remote location.

Claim 83 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 80, wherein the communication device communicates with the remote location by a mode selected from the group consisting of: the Internet, a phone line, a satellite, microwaves and radio frequency.

Claim 84 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 80, wherein a party receives inventory information from the communication device.

Claim 85-89 (cancelled)

Claim 90 (currently amended): A point of purchase device that is coupled to a device that inputs purchasable items and accumulates a cost for the purchasable items comprising:

a dispenser that dispenses a product, wherein a cost for the product is automatically added to the cost of the purchasable items, the dispenser, with product, located at a point of purchase with the item input device; and

a communication device that communicates accumulated inventory information relating to the product to a remote location.

Claim 91 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 90, wherein the communication device automatically communicates with a party selected from the group consisting of: a supplier of the product and a distributor of the product.

Claim 92 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 90, wherein the communication device automatically communicates inventory information selected from the group consisting of: inventory for the product reaching a predefined level, flow rates of the product and optimization data for the product.

Claim 93 (original): The point of purchase device of Claim 90, which includes an advertisement for the product which is automatically displayed based on an inventory level of the product.

Claims 94-101 (cancelled)

Claim 102 (new): The self-scanning checkout of Claim 1, wherein the dispenser is housed integral with the scanner.

Claim 103 (new): The point of purchase device of Claim 23, wherein the body additionally houses the automated purchasing device.

Claim 104 (new): The point of purchase device of Claim 26, wherein the stock is stored in a same place with the retail operator controlled device.

Claim 105 (new): The point of purchase device of Claim 30, wherein the body also houses the automated purchasing device.

Claim 106 (new): The point of purchase device of Claim 34, wherein the dispenser is integral with the credit/debit card verification device.

Claim 107 (new): The system of Claim 69, wherein the storing and dispensing device is housed with the cost identifying device.

Claim 108 (new): The retail item dispensing device of Claim 79, wherein the receptacle located is integral with the customer selection input device.

Claim 109 (new): The point of purchase device of Claim 80, wherein the dispenser is positioned integral with the item input device.

Claim 110 (new): The point of purchase device of Claim 90, wherein the dispenser is placed in a same housing with the item input device.